

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
FEDERAL REGULATION OF LOBBYING ACT

[REDACTED] attorney, Criminal Division, telephonically advised this date that according to [REDACTED] National Rifle Association (NRA) this Association will register today with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist. In view of this, [REDACTED] requested that any further investigation by this Bureau be discontinued and he is forwarding a memorandum confirming this request.

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In this case the Criminal Division of the Department by letter dated 10/14/68 requested investigation to determine whether the NRA should be registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with activities concerning gun registration legislation. We previously interviewed three officials of NRA and interviews with other officials were held in abeyance on request of the Department.

ACTION: The above is submitted for information and you will be advised of further pertinent developments.

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San Antonio, Texas [Redacted]
9. December 1968

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Justice Department
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Sir:

The San Antonio, Texas, Express Newspaper carried the attached article on 7 December 1968.

I would like to volunteer my services for whatever they may be worth to your organization. I do this only with a view in mind of assisting in an unbiased manner and to help in any way I can.

I am a Life Member of the National Rifle Association

[Redacted]

I have been involved one way or another with small arms training and competitions since 1925, and in doing so, have of necessity, been involved with the National Rifle Association.

Recently, as you know, the integrity and intent of the NRA has become suspect in the eyes of the public. If the allegations are true, so be it. I am just as anxious as anyone to see the allegations brought out in the open, and if the NRA is working at cross purposes to the welfare of our country, then let the chips fall where they may. I have no so-called axe to grind, and, as stated above, I am unbiased. Anything I do, I hope will eventually help the soldier, sailor, Marine or Airman who has to carry a rifle in the interest of our country.

Sincerely yours,

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FBI Probing

Rifle Group

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI confirmed Friday it is investigating the National Rifle Association, an influential group that never has registered with Congress as a lobby.

The NRA, which has fought fiercely against gun-control legislation, contends it is an educational organization and does not engage in lobbying.

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Honorable Thomas F. Railsback
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of December 12, 1968, enclosing a copy of a letter from [REDACTED], dated December 10, 1968, has been received.

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I received [REDACTED] letter previously and have replied thereto. There is enclosed for your information a copy of my letter to [REDACTED] dated December 13, 1968.

In accordance with your request, I am returning the copy of [REDACTED] letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Thomas F. Railsback

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

December 12, 1968

Director of Congressional Relations
FBI
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Tom Rainsback
TOM RAILSBACK, M. C.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

December 16, 1968

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1968, with an attached news article, and to thank you for your offer of assistance.

For your information, the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation.

The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further question concerning this matter you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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December 17, 1968

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Honorable Allen J. Ellender
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Senator:

Your communication of December 12, 1968, enclosing a copy of a telegram from [REDACTED], of [REDACTED] Louisiana, has been received.

The FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation.

The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further questions concerning this matter you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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United States Senate

December 12, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C.

National Rifle Association

The attached communication is referred to you for such consideration as is warranted and for a report on it.

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I will appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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Yours truly,

Allen J. Ellender
 ALLEN J. ELLENDER
 UNITED STATES SENATOR 119-64-14

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*Re 12/17/68
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I VIGOROUSLY PROTEST THE FLAGRANT GESTAPO AUTHORITY OF THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF THE NRA STOP HAS THIS COUNTRY REACHED THE POINT WHERE ANY GROUP OF CITIZENS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STAND WILL BE SUBJECTED TO THIS FEDERAL NKVD, AS MY REPRESENTATIVE I DEMAND YOU ACT NOW TO STOP THIS
[REDACTED] ATTORNEY [REDACTED] LA.

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December 17, 1968

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New Jersey [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 14, 1968, concerning investigation of the National Rifle Association by the FBI, together with enclosures.

For your information, the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation.

The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further question concerning this matter you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
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Director

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Verona, N. J.

December 14, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you because I read in the New York Times that the FBI was conducting an investigation of the National Rifle Association to determine whether or not it was a lobbying group. I also understand from radio commentators' remarks that the question of whether or not the NRA is an educational group is pertinent.

I am not connected with the NRA in any way, but I am disconcerted by many things that are happening in our country, among which are recurring attempts to discredit persons (as you surely must know) and organizations which contribute to the well-being and security of this country.

If there is any question as to whether or not the NRA is an educational organization, the attached Xeroopies of clippings from our local newspaper should be enlightening. They concern the death of Ed Fichter, who was a certified instructor of the National Rifle Association. The Verona Rifle Club, under his leadership and under the auspices of the NRA, has been one of the finest influences for the boys of Verona for twenty years.

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Ed Fichter was careful to select boys for his club who were emotionally stable, but aside from that, any boy who would carry his load was welcome. I have never heard of a boy who learned the use of firearms at the Verona Rifle Club who got into serious trouble or who misused the knowledge that he gained. Many have served and are now serving in the armed forces and have been outstanding marksmen.

I presume that the investigation of the NRA results from its opposition to gun control legislation. In my opinion, it is fortunate that one group spoke up in opposition to prevent emotionalism from

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holding sway over intelligence in this legislation. I do not believe that legislation or registration of guns could have prevented the events which led to the cry for gun control legislation, nor do I believe that it will prevent criminal and lawless elements from obtaining guns. It may, however, if the NRA is destroyed or discredited, mean that fewer decent, patriotic, law-abiding young men will know how to handle a gun.

I understand that the NRA has recently filed as a lobbying organization, apparently as a result of the proposed FBI investigation and as a protection against prosecution. I question why the NRA was selected at this particular time for investigation from among the 500,000 organizations which enjoy tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Service regulations, and I question how many of these organizations could stand investigation as being non-profit and non-lobbying. In my opinion, the NRA is as much, and possibly more, concerned with education and the welfare of the country than many other so-called educational groups. In all fairness, it would be equitable to investigate all organizations enjoying tax-exempt status and to determine how many have refrained from attempting to influence legislation.

If you will accept the premise that education concerns more than facts from a book, I believe that you will conclude after reading the enclosed clippings that the NRA, through Ed Fichter and the Verona Rifle Club, was truly involved in education.

Yours very truly,

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[Redacted signature block]

Copy to:
National Rifle Association

High on a Hilltop

By ED FOX - EDITOR

Edwin Fichter, Rifle Instructor

Services for Edwin L. Fichter of 48 Elmwood Rd., Verona, will be held this evening at 7:30 at the Arthur K. Brown, Inc. (Home for Services), 620 Bloomfield Ave., Verona, with the Rev. Walter M. Moore, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Verona, officiating. Interment will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Mr. Fichter died Sunday at Mountainside Hospital. He was 65.

Though he was born in Caldwell, Mr. Fichter had lived in Verona 64 years. He was employed as a brushmaker with Keifer Brushes, Verona.

A certified instructor of the National Rifle Association, Mr. Fichter organized the Verona Junior Rifle Club 20 years ago. He was a Boy Scout Leader for the Troop at the Verona Presbyterian Church for the same number of years.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. John Reeves of Cedar Grove.

Verona lost a "friend" last week. More specifically, Verona boys lost one of their best friends. Ed Fichter whose entire life was devoted to Scouting and in more recent years to the Verona Junior Rifle Club has passed from the scene. He was a quiet man and until the last retained that elusive quality which stamps the eternal young. His countenance bore a quizzical look always. At a moment his face could light up into a boyish grin. There was something impish about him. At times he resembled a fleeting leprechaun, ready to reveal hidden treasures to anyone who could keep in step with him.

He knew of many treasures that exist in the woods, on mountains, in the trees and in the sky. He had a cabin on a mountain, a tumble-down shack in a way, but a magical place where he would take his boys on weekends. By the light of an old stove, oil lamps, occasionally candles he would weave ghost stories to the delight of his followers as the moon cast eerie shadows outside the clearing and the wind whistled through the broken rafters. There were times when he arranged more sophisticated outings to the Maine woodlands. Once we asked him how many boys he could remember having been under his tutelage. He reflected a few seconds. "Hundreds," he guessed. He was something like the fabled "Mr. Chips." He had many boys whose names he could recount one by one, placing them in certain categories, years and eras.

Among his prized possessions were letters from some of his "boys" who fought in World War II, in the Korean War, in the War in Vietnam. They wrote as friends, which they were, and mostly they attested to the training he had given them while in the rifle organization. "I don't think I'd be around without having been privileged to learn everything you taught me," one wrote whose mastery of guns had saved him in a Vietnam ambush. He never thought of boys as being different in any age. "Outward appearances don't mean a thing," he said once in discussing today's prevailing dress and mannerisms. "Inside a boy is always a boy."

Youngsters who met him for the first time couldn't always figure him out. But they learned quickly that was because they regarded him as one of the "grown-ups" and when they realized that he was one of "them," a bond of affection soon developed. He made them understand first of all that membership in the rifle club was contingent upon discipline and respect. He stressed care in the handling of all firearms and he took pride in the club's record of safety. He had hoped someday to have a clubhouse in the community and an indoor rifle range but his efforts towards this end were not achieved. Some day, perhaps, they will be. In recent years, he was successful in having others help him in his endeavors and the club which he headed for twenty years underwent more intensive organization. Those who worked with him are not apt to abandon his dream. His "boys" are not likely to forget. He was a patient man and he probably is still willing to wait. "When you aim for something like this," he said a couple of years ago in speaking of the possibility of a club headquarters, "you have to be certain of your sights and then not flinch." It seems certain that those who were most close to him will continue his aim.

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VERONA, N. J.

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SPEAKS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Editor, The Times:

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Ed Fichter, rifle instructor of the Verona Junior Rifle Club died. Ed was like a second grandfather to me. I had many wonderful times with him.

I was fortunate to know him for three years. In these years I learned many things from him. He helped me at the gun club, teaching me the proper use of guns, but more important he taught me how to be a better person.

I spent three vacations with Ed and some of the other boys in the club during the Summer at Stokes Forest. It was Ed's two weeks vacation and he enjoyed spending them with us. On weekends during the year we would go to the cabin in West Milford. New Years Eve, Ed would ask some of us to the house to

celebrate the arrival of the new year.

I know I speak for all the boys in the club, and for anyone who knew Ed that our lives were made richer through our association with him.

I can remember when I first joined the club. I didn't do too well with my targets. Ed had patience and encouraged me when I would get discouraged. When at the end of the year some of us "poor" beginners would be awarded a trophy for doing well, I think Ed got just as much a thrill as we did.

The gun club will not be the same without him, and I'll miss him very much. I hope however, that somehow the club will continue as Ed would have wanted it to.

I hope that by reading this letter, people will come to know and appreciate what this man stood for and what he tried so hard to

teach us by his exemplary life.

RICHARD FERGUSON
Verona, N.J., Dec. 2, 1968

him was a unique experience.

Ed dedicated his life to youth. For twenty years he was Boy Scout Leader at the Presbyterian Church and later organized the Verona Junior Rifle Club for the same amount of years. For most men, once a week instructing the boys in the handling of guns would be enough, but for Ed seven days a week wouldn't be too much.

Many nights boys would stop in at his house just to talk and hear about trips he had taken and experiences he had in previous years. Considering Ed was 65 years old, you can see that the difference in age meant nothing to the boys. It was just being there with him that counted. He gained the respect of these boys, something many parents today wished they had.

How inexpensive time is if you are willing to give of yourself. Truthfully how many of us give time to anything unless we can see something in it for ourselves. Ed had time, it was free, and he didn't waste it. I know he always tried to help others. He never complained. This was the way this man lived. He spoke only good of people. We know things weren't always easy for him, but somehow he'd never let you know it.

Most of us measure ourselves by the material possessions we have in life. Ed

was rich in the satisfaction of dedication and always lived life as best he could in the short time he had.

He was especially proud of the many letters he received from former club members now serving in Vietnam. There was no "generation gap" between Ed and these boys. He had gained their respect and they never forgot him.

It pleased us to see so many pay their last respects to such a fine man. There were the young members in the club, previous members, and parents of boys showing their gratitude for all he had done for their sons.

Even the day he died he was with the boys, trying in some small way to help at their annual fund raiser.

For those that didn't get to know him, I'm sorry, for there are not many Ed Fichters around. Our only regret is that after Ed gave so much to the youth of Verona, he never was able to obtain his wish for his own range in Verona.

MR. & MRS. J. FERGUSON
Verona, N.J., Dec. 2, 1968

GAVE LIFE TO YOUTH

Editor, The Times:

At Thanksgiving this year we were most grateful for our family and friends. We especially thanked God for having given us an Ed Fichter whom He chose to call back to Him this week.

This humble man gave of himself, unselfishly, for over forty years to the service of youth during a most impressive and formative time of their lives. We were most fortunate to have had our son under Ed's guidance for the past five years. Please God, the high character of this man shall live on in the many boys and girls who were so fortunate as to have had Ed Fichter as their friend and guide.

JOAN and JIM CARROLL
Verona, N.J., Dec. 2, 1968

FRIENDS PAY TRIBUTE

Editor, The Times:

It has been a week since we heard that Ed Fichter had died and still we can't believe that he is gone. We are not writing just because Ed was our friend, but to try in some way explain what this man meant to our three boys and to so many people.

There are words that could simply describe him—kind, patient, dedicated, humble, appreciative—but they only tell a small fraction of the life he led, just to know

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Dec 11 1968

J Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D C

Dear Sir:

I note you have been ordered to investigate the National Rifleman's Association or that is what our paper stated.

The following are some of the observations I have made over the years and now it seems they are coming to a head. At the time Spain was taken over by the communists, Spain for some time had had a gun registration law. I once saw a movie depicting the actual riots and take over of that country by the commies. It showed private citizens being forced to give up their hand guns, rifles etc. It stated that there were lists of these guns so that it was made easy for the commies to know where the guns were. What a deadly parallel to our country at present.

It might seem that we had three instances happened here which brought up the ideas that a gun law would be the thing in the U S A. At first after these affairs it seemed public sentiment all was for this registration and licensing. Later when the public had time to think the letters run against it. The National Rifleman's Association carried on a bitter fight.

I also heard a speech about one year ago given by a small manufacturer. He had carried on a one man fight against some of the things which were being done in the manufacture of ammunitions and guns for our government for the war in Vietnam. It seems faulty workmanship was being ordered by someone higher up to do this. He was told to lay off or he would lose his orders from the government. He was patriotic and did not lay off. He was harrassed, disgraced and finally ruined for his efforts.

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There might be some connection of this investigation against the N R A because of their determined stance against the gun registration law. It would not surprise me. There have been other things come up lately where some one or some company has been brought up before the I E S for some fancied reasons when that individual or company had run against things were not right but were being done because someone higher up favored doing them.

I doubt if you are at liberty to disclose who gave the order to investigate the N R A. But if you are I would like to know who gave the order. Just like the order given the Pueblo officers not to resist the hijacking of that boat. And also who gave the orders for the other U S boats close by not to interfere. It seems such orders were given.

Thanks for having patience to read this, if you were given the letter to read. After Jan. 1969 there might be some change, let us hope so.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Dear Mr Hoover:

I believe I heard on radio that your office had been asked by a legislator to investigate the grounds on which the National Rifle Association claims tax exemption.

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you begin with Senator Tydings. That senator declared on national television--presumably a non-privileged utterance-- that this organization is supported by the Arms manufactubers and he at least hinted that it had no right to claim tax exemption.

I know members of this association who unhesitatingly describe it as a "lobby." A local man guessed that Senator Monroney perhaps lost 100,000 votes in Oklahoma merely for his sponsoring to some extent the "fly-speck" Act which is the only thing that the current legislature would allow.

Yours truly,

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CORRESPONDENCE

December 17, 1968

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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of December 7th, with enclosure. It was kind of you to give me the benefit of your observations.

For your information, the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation.

The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and you may wish to contact that office. I can assure you that the FBI will continue to discharge its responsibilities with the same high degree of impartiality, thoroughness, and dispatch which have characterized our investigations in the past.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE continued: interviewed three officials of National Rifle Association (NRA) and furnished the Department with an investigative report. On December 10th, the Department advised that an official of NRA registered on that date with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist, and the Department requested that any further investigation by the Bureau be discontinued.

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December 7, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Federal Bureau of Investigation,
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This morning, I picked up my copy of the Rochester DEMOCRAT CHRONICLE and glanced at the front page. As it is the "Day of Infamy", it was fully expected to find bold type pertaining to Pearl Harbor.

However, what I saw on the front page reaffirmed what the day is, and doubled it in spades...FBI Investigates NRA.

This letter is not being written as a slam against your organization, as I have a terrific amount of respect for the FBI, and from time to time,

It is realized that you are in the middle on this action involving NRA. It is obvious that there are people in high position that wish to see NRA die a quick death, in order to have little opposition to both restrictive firearm laws and total confiscation of all weapons. It is further obvious that some of these same people would back illegal overthrow of our government.

As a member of NRA, I resent this action involved, but realize that it has to be, to eliminate slams and innuendos against NRA. From articles and statements made by you, in the past, I believe that you realize fully what NRA is and what they do and what they have done.

The "nickel and dime" tax angle, from being labelled a possible lobby, is their, the "anti gun" people's, possible weapon against NRA. As a grass roots member of NRA, and thoroughly reading all of the items that they release to the public, it is strictly education of facts and legislative happenings. In New York State, a NRA Hunter Safety Course is the way to a hunting license. This is definitely an education to preserve freedom of our great country in all respects.

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What galls me probably the most is this. Some of the loudest people wanting NRA's hide are members of the largest "lobby" going, although not labelled. They and their organizations have meddled in politics for years. Much of their doings are directly responsible for crime in the streets, riots and murders. They hold billions in TAX FREE properties, and are corporations unto themselves. Some involved would take over government by any means, including screaming at NRA and sneak in where they can to grab what they can, while protective organizations are busy "ghost hunting". You know who I mean..THE CHURCHES! I wonder how many, tomorrow, will mention Pearl Harbor and then Monday, back to work!

The newspapers working over NRA whenever possible are the mouth-pieces. Today, in my mail, another little gem came to light. Many papers carried articles blaming the NYS Motor Vehicle Bureau for selling their registration lists and are responsible for junk mail. An explanatory letter, in answer to a letter I wrote, spelled out their involvement. It directly charged the papers as twisting the facts. I have other letters stating the same thing...twisting of facts by newspapers to suit their

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whims. Another, very important one, involved a statement that the Boy Scouts of America was considering dropping the marksmanship merit badge in their program. This was simply not true. I had written to the Boy Scouts, protesting this action. Another twisted bit. As days pass, the number of misinformation increases. I can see editorials blasting organizations and individuals, but to make NEWS ARTICLES editorials, this is not right, in any sense.

We wonder who is responsible for all this mayhem in the United States. Sir, it is obvious who plays what roles, despite the noisy ghost hunters, shifting blame wherever possible, other than at their doorstep. True, the involvement is numerous, so ALL chips should fall to the respective doorsteps.

Mr. Hoover, I write this letter as a simple request. In the name of humanity and freedom, please be fair to whatever organization comes under attack or investigation. As in the past, continue to insure that you whole organization is fair and factual, despite political pressures and whims of individuals and money.

If NRA is a lobby, it can be only a lobby insuring freedom and return to sanity and common sense. NRA was the respect of many...the FBI has the respect of many. Are not both of the organizations working for the same goal, although from different positions? Has the FBI ever been called a lobby?

Please continue to just be fair.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
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[REDACTED] N.Y. [REDACTED]

November 9th, 1966

Fellow Sportsman:

We are in the midst of the hunting seasons and therefore our guns are foremost in our activities...AT THE MOMENT!

In three weeks, the deer season will be about done. Our guns will be oiled and returned to storage for next year. Our thoughts will turn to the hustle and bustle of Christmas, snowblowers, overtime at work and just about everything other than the shooting sports.

There are some people who do not forget about our sport! Each and every day it is in their minds. Many of these are the really dedicated of the hobby. Indoor target work, rabbits and fox pursuit in snowy fields, planning of next year's trip, looking to taking their sons on their first hunting are the thoughts.

However, another small, but dedicated group is about! These are the people with thoughts contrary to free use AND ownership of ALL guns. Like the one rotten apple in the barrel, it will spoil the whole barrel. It has to be removed before all is lost.

With apples, it can be spotted easily and quickly removed. However, with people, it takes longer to find and remove the spoilage. There are those of us who have worked long and hard to find these people, provide the factual education to alleviate the myths in their minds. Working for the best of legislation for all, we've managed to work in.

We are a very tired bunch! At times, we wonder whether we are really doing much to help our sport. We feel that we have done our part. We look for people to take over the load and fight! Very few come forward, so renewed dedication is our only answer!

YOU, the nimrod and experienced, can REALLY DO YOUR PART...NOW! You have all heard of the National Rifle Association. Many of you have thought of joining, from time to time, but have not. Some of you may only know of NRA through the daily press AND perhaps in a bad light.

NRA has been behind every gun owner and free citizen for NEARLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS. They have trained shooters in accuracy and in the best of shooting safety. They have provided the best in open competition on ranges. Many of our nation's heroes in fighting for freedom and keeping it have been NRA trained. They have fought for decent legislation at all levels, favorable to ALL citizens. In essence, NRA is a MAJOR part of our great heritage. I think that it is safe to say, and history prove, that this one organization has been foremost in keeping America free.

Five past presidents of our great country have been NRA members. Now, a sixth is about to take office. Richard Nixon is a LIFE MEMBER of NRA. Another great hero can be spawned...with YOUR help.

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How can you help? The best of legislation can be REALITY for YOU! The strongest organization of responsible gun owners, ever, is here, ready to serve you. Your voice will join the loudest chorus ever conceived, for freedom for ALL.

NRA has ONE MILLION MEMBERS, from all walks of life, BUT WE NEED YOU! Your membership insures ONE MORE VOTE for decency and return to sanity in this country. Your thoughts and ideas to this end will join others to insure this reality.

The yearly dues are YOUR insurance policy for that gun of YOURS to stay in YOUR home. Your monthly magazine, "THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN", is terrific and worth the cost of membership alone. How much is YOUR membership? Just \$6 regularly. However, I'm sending in a group of your fellow shooters...at ONLY \$5 per membership.

Drop a hint for Christmas, there is an idea! Or drop a line to NRA, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Or, drop a line or call me and I'll do the paperwork. Any NRA member will also help you.

1969 is the year of decision for us and whether we will be ALLOWED to OWN our guns. Join with Richard Nixon as your hunting partner and EACH AND EVERY responsible gun owner as YOUR friend.

Call me NOW or drop a line. Sign up NOW and I'll hit you for the \$5 after January 1st should you wish...or any time inbetween.

Phone [REDACTED]

Yours for the best in your shooting sports,

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[REDACTED]

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby apply for membership in the National Rifle Association, including a subscription to "THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN". I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of the political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

(Signature)

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Age _____

Make checks payable to NRA.

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December 19, 1963

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Honorable Earle Cabell
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

1 - [REDACTED]

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of December 13, 1963, enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, concerning our investigation of the National Rifle Association has been received. b7c

The FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further questions concerning this matter, you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

You may also wish to advise your constituents that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecutive action will be undertaken in any situation. Such decisions concerning violations of Federal law are within the province of the Attorney General. Voluminous data regarding riots and rioters have been furnished to the Attorney General.

I am enclosing some material which you may wish to send to your constituents and I am returning the constituents' letter.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

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- Mr. Bishop
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- Mr. Felt
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Honorable Earle Cabell

Description of enclosures:

- (1) Statement of Director before the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, 9/18/68.
- (2) Message from Director entitled "An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism."
- (3) Message from Director to all Law Enforcement Officials, May, 1968.

NOTE

This is the case which recently received considerable press coverage. The Department requested investigation to determine whether the National Rifle Association (NRA) should have registered as a lobbyist in connection with gun registration legislation. We interviewed three officials of NRA and furnished the Department with an investigative report. The Department on 12/10/68, advised that the NRA registered on 12/10/68, with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist; and requested that any further investigation by this Bureau be discontinued. Bureau indices contain no derogatory information identifiable with the constituents. We have had cordial relations with Congressman Cabell in the past.

EARLE CABELL
5TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

WASHINGTON OFFICE:
1121 LONGWORTH HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
PHONE: 225-2231

DALLAS OFFICE:
ROOM 716 - 1114 COMMERCE
PHONE: RI 9-3571

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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HUGH G. HART, JR.
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MRS. JENNIE GRINDBERG
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

December 13, 1968

Director
Office of Congressional Liaison
Federal Bureau of Investigation
The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a letter received in my office from [redacted] in which they are protesting the FBI's investigation of the National Rifle Association.

I would greatly appreciate your comments on this matter so that I might know how to respond to their communication.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I am

Sincerely,

Earle Cabell

EARLE CABELL, M. C.

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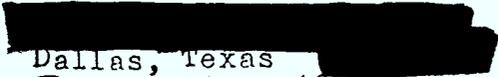
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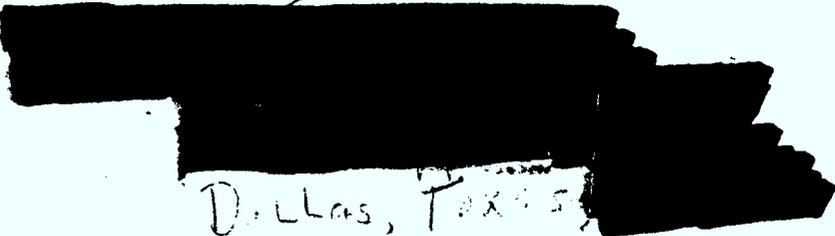
Hon. Earle Cabell
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Note: Refer to...

I must strongly protest the FBI investigation of the NRA. It is an insult to the organization and to the 1,063,355 members. When you investigate the NRA, you investigate me.

Let's be constructive. Let's get some effective legislation through. Let's investigate, and not whitewash the riots, rioters and especially the instigators of the riots. Let the law abiding citizens live in peace.


DALLAS, TEXAS

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December 20, 1968

Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Senator:

Your communication of December 15, 1968, enclosing a copy of a letter from [REDACTED], dated December 10, 1968, has been received.

I received [REDACTED] letter previously and have replied thereto. There is enclosed for your information a copy of my letter to [REDACTED] dated December 13, 1968.

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In accordance with your request, I am returning the copy of [REDACTED] letter.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable Charles H. Percy

NOTE:

This is the case which recently received considerable press coverage. The Department requested investigation to determine whether the National Rifle Association (NRA) should have registered as a lobbyist in connection with gun registration legislation. We interviewed three officials of NRA and furnished the Department with an investigative report. The Department on 12/10/68, advised that the NRA registered on 12/10/68, with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist; and requested that any further investigation by this Bureau be discontinued. Bureau indices contain no derogatory information identifiable with [REDACTED] b7c
Previous correspondence with Senator Percy has been cordial.

United States Senate

December 15, 1968

[Redacted]

Illinois

re: National Rifle Association investigation
Respectfully referred to

Federal Bureau of Investigation ✓

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

Charles H. Percy/bb

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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December 17, 1968

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Honorable William L. Scott
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

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Your communication of December 13, 1968, enclosing a letter from [redacted] concerning our investigation of the National Rifle Association has been received.

The FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further questions concerning this matter, you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

With respect to the other inquiries, I can tell you the FBI has conducted a considerable amount of investigation regarding the subversive movement which threatens our country today. Being strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, we have furnished the results of our inquiries to the Attorney General for his opinion with respect to prosecution in these matters.

I am enclosing some material which you may wish to send to your constituent and, in addition, I am returning the constituent's letter pursuant to your request.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Honorable William L. Scott

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

December 13 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
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spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

William L. Scott

William L. Scott, M. C.
8th district, Virginia

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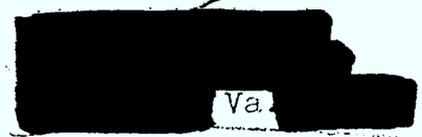
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Dear Mr. Scott,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your re election to Congress from this district.

I read in the news today that the FBI is investigating the National Rifle Association at the request of our so called Justice Dept. at the taxpayers expense, of course. I wonder if you have any information concerning the basis for this investigation?

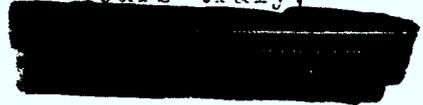
In my opinion there are hundreds of subversive organizations in this country that seriously warrant a through investigation other than the N.R.A.

Has the Justice Dept. instigated any investigations of the Black Panthers, Blackstone Rangers, Black United front, American Civil Libertys Union or any of the organizations disrupting our colleges today? If not, can Congress direct the FBI to do this?

I haven't heard of any NRA members murdering policemen or staging battlefield type street demonstrations.

I only hope and pray that the Nixon administration, with the help of good Congressmen like yourself, can restore Americanism to this country.

Yours truly,



Original of letter returned to Congressman Scott per his request. See list 12/17/65.

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1 - [REDACTED]

December 23, 1968

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Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of December 19, 1968, enclosing a letter from [REDACTED] concerning our investigation of the National Rifle Association has been received.

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The FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further questions concerning this matter, you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

In accordance with your request, I am returning Mr. Barthelow's letter.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

Honorable Joel T. Broyhill

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T. BROYHILL
10TH DISTRICT, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA, ARLINGTON,
FALLS CHURCH, FAIRFAX CITY
AND PART OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

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HOMER LEE KROUT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

December 19, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

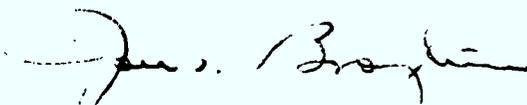
Dear Sir:

The attached communication, or pertinent extracts thereof, is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Any assistance you can properly render toward accomplishing the objective stated in the enclosure will be appreciated.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Joel T. Broyhill, M. C.

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San Francisco
14 December 1968

Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sir

How is it that the Federal Bureau of Investigation, an agency of the federal government, is allowed to harass the National Rifle Association with its intimidating investigations? The only "crime" which the NRA stands accused of is that it has the courage to defend the basic rights of Americans.

It appears highly contradictory to require a person to give up his time, fighting for rights in Southeast Asia, when these same rights are becoming non-existent in our own country.

Sincerely
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December 24, 1968

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Honorable James C. Cleveland
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of December 20, 1968 enclosing a copy of a letter from [REDACTED], concerning our investigation of the National Rifle Association has been received. b7C

The FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and if you have any further questions concerning this matter, you may desire to contact that office relative thereto.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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December 20, 1968

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from a constituent
who is concerned about the F.B.I.'s investigation of the
National Rifle Association.

Any assistance you could give me in answering my
constituent's inquiry would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. C. Cleveland
James C. Cleveland, H.C.

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[REDACTED] N. H. [REDACTED]
December 18, 1968

The Honorable James Cleveland
1112 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cleveland:

It has come to my attention that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has launched an investigation of the National Rifle Association. This inquiry reportedly is being made at the request of an unidentified member of Congress. As I have been a member of the National Rifle Association for the past twenty years, I would appreciate learning why such an inquiry.

The National Rifle Association has, in the past, opposed unwarranted and unreasonable laws pertaining to firearms; however, no subversive activity has ever come to my attention. Unfortunately, many people feel that investigation by a police authority, particularly the F.B.I., is indicative of wrong-doing; therefore, as both a member of the N.R.A. and citizen of the United States, I question the legitimacy of this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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December 13, 1968

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Honorable James Harvey
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

[Handwritten initials]

My dear Congressman:

Your letter of December 9, 1968, enclosing a copy of excerpts from a constituent's letter concerning our investigation of the National Rifle Association has been received.

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With respect to the other inquiries, I can tell you the FBI has conducted a considerable amount of investigation regarding the subversive movement which threatens our country today. Being strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, we have furnished the results of our inquiries to the Attorney General for his opinion with respect to prosecution in these matters.

I am enclosing some material which you may wish to send to your constituent.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

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Honorable James Harvey

Description of Enclosures:

- (1) Testimony of Director before House Subcommittee on Appropriations 2/3/68.
- (2) Statement of Director before the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, 9/18/68.
- (3) Message from Director entitled "An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism."
- (4) Turbulence on The Campus.

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December 9, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

National Representative 38

Enclosed you will find a copy of excerpts from a recent letter from a constituent in which an inquiry is made relative to FBI investigations. I would appreciate any comments you care to make and any information you can provide.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.
With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

James Harvey
JAMES HARVEY, M. C.

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*Letter to Cong Harvey
12/12/68 - with notes
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Dec. 6, 1968

Dear Rep James Harvey,

I just heard on the news, the F. B. I. is requested by an ^{un}identified congressman to investigate the National Rifle Association. I am trying to serve my country by demanding that you please do something about getting the F. B. I. to investigate the "Black Panthers" S. D. S. etc. etc. etc. Communist organizations led by professional leaders, lets get on the ball and pass some legislation that will make a few wrong things "Wrong" I also

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N.J.

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December 26, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

After receiving your reply to my letter of December 14, 1968, I concluded that it had been addressed to the wrong person and I have redirected my questions to Mr. Fred Vinson, Jr.

Thank you for your consideration in answering so promptly. I believe that if all our government agencies were run as ably as the Federal Bureau of Investigation we would have fewer problems and a more stable and respected government.

Sincerely,

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PS

P.S. I am attaching a copy of the letter to Mr. Vinson. There is no intention to cause any embarrassment to you.

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(GUNS)

WASHINGTON--THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, THE POWERFUL ANTIGUN CONTROL ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS NEVER REGISTERED AS A DOMESTIC LOBBY BECAUSE IT CONTENTS IT IS NOT A LOBBYING BODY.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE FBI WAS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE NRA AT THE REQUEST OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN HAD NO COMMENT, EXCEPT TO NOTE THAT FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT DOMESTIC LOBBYISTS TO REGISTER WITH THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR NRA SAID THE QUESTION OF REGISTRATION WOULD BE REVIEWED SOON BY THE ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD. A PUBLISHED REPORT TODAY SAID THE FBI INVESTIGATION WAS SPARKED BY COMPLAINTS FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

SEN. THOMAS D. DODD, D-CONN., LONG TIME PROONENT OF STRONG GUN CONTROLS, FORMALLY REQUESTED A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION DURING SENATE DEBATE ON THE GUN CONTROL BILL LAST SEPT. 12.

HE SAID THE NRA'S TAX EXEMPT STATUS SHOULD BE LISTED AND THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD BE FORCED TO REGISTER AS A LOBBY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SENATOR SAID TODAY, HOWEVER, HE HAD NEVER MADE ANY REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OR ANY OF ITS AGENTS.

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Rifle Assn.
Probed on
Lobbying

The National Rifle Association is under Justice Department investigation as a possible violator of the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act.

NRA officials insisting that the lobbying law didn't apply to its efforts against gun-control legislation on behalf of sportsmen and gun shops, confirmed yesterday that they were visited a month ago by two FBI agents.

The agents, who conducted interviews at the NRA headquarters at 1900 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., said they were there under Justice Department orders as the result of a complaint by an unidentified member of Congress, officials said.

Charges that the NRA has engaged in unregistered lobbying have been made throughout Congressional hearings on gun-control legislation.

Chief critics of the NRA have included Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn.) and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.). Aides to both Senators said they did not know the source of the specific complaint under investigation.

It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a year in prison and \$5000 fine, to engage "for pay" in influencing legislation without registering with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and filing regular reports.

The FBI would not say whether it had turned up any evidence of such activity.

NRA officials frequently testify at gun-control hearings but they contend that they do so only to "present the views of members." They also maintain the legal right to "inform" the membership of one million of the status of proposed laws affecting their interests.

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January 7, 1969

Honorable Sam Steiger
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of January 3rd enclosing a copy of a letter from [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona.

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With respect to your constituent's comment, you may wish to advise him that the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and you may wish to contact that office.

You may also wish to inform [redacted] that the FBI has conducted a considerable amount of investigation regarding the subversive movement which threatens our country today. Being a strictly investigative agency of the Department of Justice, we furnish the results of our inquiries to the Attorney General for his opinion with respect to prosecution in these matters.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted signature]

1 - Phoenix - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of [redacted] Congressman Steiger (R-Arizona) was elected to Congress in November, 1966, and we have enjoyed very limited, but cordial relations with him. During our investigation of this matter, we interviewed three officials of National Rifle Association (NRA) and furnished the Department with an investigative report. On December 10th, the Department advised that an official of NRA registered on that date with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist, and the Department requested that any further investigation by

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Very respectfully,
Sam Steiger, M. C.
Arizona - 3
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CORRESPONDENCE

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(Dec 26 1968)

[REDACTED]
Phoenix, Ariz. [REDACTED]

Dear Representative Steiger:

I will start this letter by saying that I am a law abiding American citizen, who is washed, has a haircut and works every day to feed and support my family.

I was shocked Sir, to read in Saturday's Ariz. Republic that the National Rifle Ass. is being investigated by the F. B. I. It is my opinion that when we bring patriotic, loyal American organizations such as this one under investigation, our country is in serious trouble.

It would make more sense to me to investigate such organizations as A. D. A. , S. D. S. , and some of the other militants who make no secret of their intentions to rearrange our country by violence.

I will conclude this letter by saying that I supported and voted for you during the election, and would sincerely appreciate any efforts on your behalf to bring this unreasonable investigation to a quick end.

Respectfully Yours

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PHOENIX, ARIZ

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Respectfully Yours
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11 Mar 69

The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

I was just looking at a clipping I took from a newspaper some time ago to the effect that the Quantico Marines complain that they are compelled to serve as markers at rifle ranges on their off-days whether they want to or not.

Is that a consequence of the National Rifle Association's lobbying activity?

I have not seen in The "ew York Times or other newspaper any report, interim or otherwise, of your investigation into the question of whether the National Rifle Association is a lobby or not. If it is, it ought to be registered as such. Further it should lose its tax-exempt status.

There is to be a general overhaul of the tax-exempt status of Foundations and I hope the National Rifle Association will be included in this.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

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April 8, 1969

REC-24 119-64-29

Honorable Jacob K. Javits
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

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The Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the Internal Revenue Service by letter of April 2nd referred to us your communication enclosing a letter from [redacted] and it was received on April 4th.

With respect to your constituent's inquiries, you may wish to advise her that the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., the then Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

I am returning the enclosure as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles disclose we have enjoyed cordial correspondence with Senator Javits but contain no information identifiable with [redacted]. During our investigation of National Rifle Association (NRA) we interviewed three officials and furnished the Department with an investigative report. On December 10, 1968, the Department advised that an official of NRA registered on that date with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist, and the Department requested that any further investigation by the Bureau be discontinued.

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United States Senate

Respectfully referred to
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Internal Revenue Service

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of

Jacob K. Javits, U. S. S.

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b7c | February 27, 1969

[REDACTED] New York

Senator Jacob Javits
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I read, very happily, several weeks ago that the F.B.I. intended to investigate the lobbying activities of the National Rifle Association. Is the investigation continuing, or has someone managed to turn it off? Or, hopefully, has it finally been decided that the N.R.A. is now, and has been for more than thirty years, a lobby?

I, as a Republican, am pleased with your basic scepticism of the Nixon Administration. I think you reflect the thinking of many Republicans. I admire you for being willing to stand up and say what many seemed to be afraid to say.

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119-64-29

ENCLOSURE

REC 5

March 18, 1969

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[Redacted]
Oklahoma
[Redacted]

In reply to your letter of March 11th, I cannot comment relative to the work of the Marines at Quantico, Virginia. I am, however, referring a copy of your letter to the Secretary, Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., for any assistance he may be able to afford you.

As I advised you on December 16, 1968, the FBI, at the request of Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., the then Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, conducted a limited investigation to determine if the National Rifle Association should have registered with the Clerk of the House of Representatives as a lobbyist in connection with gun control legislation. The results of our investigation have been furnished to the Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and you may wish to contact that office.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose we wrote correspondent on 12/16/68 in response to his letter concerning the activities of the National Rifle Association, its tax exempt status and we advised him as above. During our investigation of the National Rifle Association (NRA) we interviewed three officials and furnished the Department our investigative report. On 12/10/68, the Department advised an official of NRA registered, on that date, with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the Department requested that any further investigation by the Bureau be discontinued. Copy of correspondent's letter furnished to the Secretary of Defense by form referral, same date.

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stated that the price of the rifle is approximately \$54.00, and that the rest of the \$120.39 is for other things that were missing on which there is no kick by the club.

b7c [redacted] was advised that an investigation would be instituted to ascertain the facts at the NRA at Washington, S. C., after which the case would be presented to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to whether the taking of the gun by [redacted] amounted to a theft of Government property, after which his advice would be followed.

It is requested that the Washington Field Office make an appropriate check at the NRA to ascertain the circumstances of the leading of these guns to the [redacted] Rifle Club and to ascertain if the title to said guns remained in the name of the United States Government.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

E. J. UFFERTHER
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau ✓

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **PITTSBURGH, PA.**

FILE NO. **52-1294**

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/2/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/29/38	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] WJH:ETA
TITLE Theft of Springfield Rifle		CHARACTER OF CASE TREASON OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] Civilian Marksmanship, Washington, D. C., states instant rifle is property of U. S. Government and was loaned to [REDACTED] Pa. Rifle Club. Mr. C. E. Lister, Secretary, National Rifle Association, states [REDACTED] Rifle Club has N.R.A. affiliation.

- RUC -

REFERENCES:

Letter from the Pittsburgh Division to the Washington Field Division dated Jan. 21, 1938.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

At the office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, Navy Building, [REDACTED], U. S. Army, was interviewed, and stated that his records show that Springfield rifle, .30 calibre, model 1903, [REDACTED] was issued in 1931 with other equipment to the [REDACTED] Pennsylvania Rifle Club. Three other rifles which were issued with instant rifle were received at the Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts, April 27, 1937. The instant rifle is carried on the records of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship as a piece of property to be surveyed as missing, for which the U. S. Government will be reimbursed by the Glenn Falls Indemnity Company on a bond.

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[REDACTED] stated that all the property which is issued by his office, is received from the Ordnance Department, U.S. Army, and that it remains the property of the U. S. Government unless it is sold, and his records failed to show that instant rifle was sold or returned. His records further indicated that one [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] Pennsylvania Rifle Club.

At the office of the National Rifle Association, Mr. C. E. LISTER, Secretary, was interviewed and stated that the [REDACTED] Pennsylvania Rifle Club is an affiliated club of the National Rifle Association, for which affiliation a \$10.00 annual charter fee is paid. Mr. Lister stated that clubs so affiliated with the N.R.A. are afforded the opportunity of drawing certain Government property from the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, but that this property does not in any way belong to the National Rifle Association, and insofar as he knows, remains Government property unless sold by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

FILE NO. 52-23

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/30/38	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE Theft of Springfield Rifle [REDACTED]		CHARACTER OF CASE THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Assistant USA George Lambert, Pittsburgh, Pa., declines prosecution even if facts alleged be proven because of lack of criminal intent and no loss to Government.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Washington, D. C., February 2, 1938.

DETAILS:

This case came to the attention of the Pittsburgh Office on January 23, 1938, through [REDACTED] Pittsburgh, in charge of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated that in [REDACTED] he joined the [REDACTED] Rifle Club which had in its possession two M-1 Springfield rifles, .22 calibre, and two 30.06 Springfield rifles which had been loaned to the club by the National Rifle Association of the United States Government; that the club paid a \$10 annual fee to the National Rifle Association in Washington, D. C., and that upon indemnity to the Government for the safe keeping of these rifles, a surety bond issued by the Glenn Falls Indemnity Company, Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was executed in favor of the United States Government by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] continued and advised that about two years ago the Government called in the rifles and when a check was made of them, it was determined that a 30.06 Springfield Rifle, Model 1903, bearing number [REDACTED] was missing. Upon learning this, he inquired of [REDACTED] the

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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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██████████ concerning it, who informed him that ██████████ had loaned the gun to a man for the purpose of deer hunting. ██████████ stated that ██████████ later changed his story and stated that his brother-in-law had the gun; that when ██████████ contacted ██████████ brother-in-law whose name he did not know, the brother-in-law admitted that he had the rifle, but that he had loaned it to another man who had since died, and that ██████████ did not know the present whereabouts of the gun.

It should be noted that this matter had not been called to the attention of ██████████ authorities for more than two years, and that it was not until the Glenn Falls Indemnity Company, who apparently paid the loss on this rifle to the United States Government, wrote to the Rifle Club at ██████████ for reimbursement that he submitted the facts of this case to this Bureau on the possibility of a theft or embezzlement of Government property.

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At the time this report was made to the Pittsburgh Office a letter was directed to the Washington Field Division embodying the facts as set out above with request that the Washington Field Division make an appropriate check at the National Rifle Association to ascertain the circumstances of the loan of these guns to the ██████████ Rifle Club, and to determine if title to the said guns remained in the name of the United States Government.

The Washington Field Division covered the lead suggested, by the letter directed to it as is reflected in the report of reference.

At the suggestion made by Inspector ██████████ in his Inspection Report dated March 7, 1938, Agent discussed the facts in this case with Assistant United States Attorney George Washank, who declined prosecution for the reason that the facts did not indicate a criminal intent, inasmuch as there was no evidence of any theft, and in view of the fact that the United States Government was indemnified by the Glenn Falls Indemnity Company on a bond for that purpose there was no loss to the Government and accordingly, this case is being closed.

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believed it possible that some inquiry might be made at a later date concerning the drill.

AT PROVO, UTAH.

Deputy Sheriff Christenson was interviewed at the Sheriff's Office, Provo, Utah on January 24, 1938 and informed Agent that he, together with Deputy Sheriff Walt Durrant, had conducted an exhaustive investigation pertaining to the theft of the instant drill and had developed no suspects. On January 25 Deputy Sheriff Walt Durrant was interviewed at Provo, Utah and stated that in the spring they will again conduct an investigation pertaining to the theft of the instant drill as they believed at that time whoever had stolen it would use it for prospecting. Deputy Sheriff Durrant promised Agent that in the spring he will again conduct an investigation and he stated that through his contacts he will know whether or not that drill was ever used for prospecting in that vicinity.

It may be noted that letters have been addressed to all Police Departments and Sheriffs' Offices in Utah where second-hand shops are located to notify their Pawnshop Details of the theft of the instant hammer drill. It is believed that in the event the Unknown Subjects attempt to pawn or sell the instant drill, this information will be immediately furnished to the Salt Lake City Field Division.

In view of the fact that there are no leads outstanding, this case is being closed subject to being reopened upon receipt of subsequent information which may lead to the identity and apprehension of the Unknown Subjects in the above-entitled case.

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Inspector [redacted]

[redacted]

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This investigation is delinquent in the Pittsburgh district. It is noted from a review of the initial reports that the car was loaned by the [redacted] of the [redacted] and has subsequently become lost. Before any further investigation is conducted in this matter, it is suggested that the facts in this case be presented to the United States Attorney for his opinion as to prosecution should the facts alleged be proved true.

SAC Unrelax:

This will be done.

Inspection Report
Pittsburgh Office
Inspector [redacted]
March 7, 1958

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FBI.

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- AIRTEL

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
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CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
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Date 4/17/81

To: Director, FBI
(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

From: SAC, NORFOLK (174C-529) (RUC)

ATTENTION:

- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
- CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
- DOMESTIC SECURITY AND TERRORISM SECTION
- PERSONAL AND PROPERTY CRIMES SECTION

Subject: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Washington, D. C.
4/27/81

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- CR EL DIH CRA-64
- DAMV CAA PA PE PF E
- EID Bomb Threats AP IWFC CWAA FI

Summary of Complaint:

An anonymous bomb threat was sent to NRA, Washington, D. C., via postcard, postmarked Virginia Beach, Virginia, and forwarded by NRA to Chief of Police, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The postcard was subsequently forwarded to the Norfolk Office, FBI, by the Virginia Beach Police Department, 4/17/81.

Postcard enclosed for FBI Laboratory.

INDICES: Negative See Summary

ACTION: UACB

- 3- Bu (Encs. 8) No further action being taken and
- 1- FBI Lab LHM enclosed
- 1- WFO (Enc. 1) FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)
- 2- Norfolk (1- 66-820) LHM being submitted
- Report being submitted

- Copy to: USA NF
- Secret Service NF
- ATF NF

- BAW:csb Preliminary investigation instituted
- (6) Limited investigation instituted
- Investigation continuing

17 APR 29 1981

Approved: _____

Transmitted _____ (Number) _____ (Time)

Per _____

NF 174C-529

Request of the FBI Laboratory

Per MIOG, Part 1, 174-3.2.5, page 800, postcard
furnished to Laboratory for document and latent fingerprint
examination.



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. NF 174C-529

Norfolk, Virginia

April 17, 1981

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
THREAT TO BOMB
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA)
WASHINGTON, D. C.
APRIL 2, 1981

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On April 8, 1981, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Harlon B. Carter, Executive Vice President, National Rifle Association (NRA), Washington, D. C., forwarded a postcard addressed to that association to the Chief of Police, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The postcard was addressed to the National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, and was postmarked in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on April 2, 1981. The front of the postcard bore the notation:

"'N. R. A.'
MAN OF THE YEAR
HINCKLEY"

The back of the postcard contained the following printed message:

"CURSE OF USA LOBBIES
I WOULD GIVE \$100
NOW TO HELP BOMB
YOUR OFFICES -
PLUTOS - WEALTH OF LOBBIES"

This postcard was in turn forwarded to the Norfolk Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation where it was received on April 17, 1981. The postcard has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination. No additional investigation is being initiated at Norfolk.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Norfolk (174C-529)

May 21, 1981

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 174-8911

LAB. NO. 10421025 D VE

Re: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Washington, D. C.
4/2/81

Examination requested by: Norfolk
Reference: Airtel dated April 17, 1981
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Norfolk (174C-529)

May 21, 1981

FBI FILE NO.

174-8911

LAB. NO.

10421025 D VE

Re: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Washington, D. C.
4/2/81

Specimens received

April 20, 1981

Q1 Postcard postmarked "VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. PM 2 APR 1981" addressed to "NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN..."

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

No watermarks, indented writing or other identifying characteristics were noted on specimen Q1 which would indicate the immediate source of this item.

Specimen Q1, which has been photographed, will be returned separately with the results of the latent fingerprint examination.

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RECORDED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
4/27/81 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
pmg* Laboratory Work Sheet

4/20/81

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To: SAC, Norfolk (174C-529)

FBI FILE NO. 174-8911-2

Re: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Washington, D. C.
4/2/81

LAB. NO.
YOUR NO. 10421025 D VE

Examination by: 5-15-81
JRM

Examination requested by:

Norfolk

Reference:

Airtel dated April 17, 1981

Examination requested:

Specimens received: Document - Fingerprint

April 20, 1981

Q1 Postcard postmarked "VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. PM 2 APR 1981" addressed to "NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN...."

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Airtel - U.S. Dept. of Justice, Wash. D.C.
F. Sect. (FBI) Norfolk, Va.
Kuntz, J. C. [unclear]
File [unclear]

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Airtel
5/11/81 gmf

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No water damage reported

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7-11-81
3-21-81
JRM

Results of examination:

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Enclosure(s) 1 to Bureau

(Attn: FBI Laboratory)

From: Norfolk (letter) (airtel) dated 4/17/81

File No. 174C-529

File No. _____

Re: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb

National Rifle Association

Washington, D. C.

4/2/81

Anonymous postcard containing bomb threat

FILE # 174-8911-2
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N.R.A.

MAN OF
THE YEAR

HINKLEY

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN.

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RHODE ISLAND AVE
NW

WASHINGTON

D.C. 20036

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CURSE OF USA
LOBBIES

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4/20/81

LFPS

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Recorded: 5-19-81 7:15 a.m., ljw

Received: 5-18-81

To: SAC, Norfolk (174C-529)

FBI FILE NO. 174-8911 - 3

Re: UNSUB; Threat to Bomb
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Washington, D. C.
4/2/81

LAB. NO.
YOUR NO. 10421025 D VE
LC#B-99610

Examination by:

Noted By:

[Redacted]

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Examination requested by:

Norfolk

Reference:

Examination requested: Airtel dated April 17, 1981

Specimens received: Document - Fingerprint

April 20, 1981

Q1 Postcard postmarked "VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. PM 2 APR 1981" addressed to "NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN...."

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- UNCLAS

Date 6/5/81

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (174C-885) (RUC)

UNSUB; THREAT TO BOMB
 NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA)
 WASHINGTON, D.C.
 4/2/81

ReNorfolk airtel dated 4/17/81.

On 5/7/81, a WFO representative contacted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
National Rifle Association, Washington, D.C.

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 [REDACTED] could offer no further information regarding the subject post card and stated that he forwarded it to the Chief of Police, Virginia Beach, Virginia, for information only. [REDACTED] further advised that the NRA receives numerous letters of similar content.

WFO considers this matter RUC.

- ② Bureau
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

YOUR FILE NO. 1740-529
FBI FILE NO. 174-8911
LATENT CASE NO. B-99610

June 17, 1981

TO: SAC, Norfolk

UNSUB.;
HILAT. TO: [REDACTED]
RE: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION (NRA)
WASHINGTON, D.C.
4-2-81

REFERENCE: Airtel 4-17-81
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Norfolk
SPECIMENS: One postcard, Q1

The result of the laboratory examination is being furnished separately.

No latent prints of value were developed on the enclosed specimen.

Enc.

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